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At the beginning of the week prices in New York were unchanged and in most other reported areas prices were lower for all sizes. During the week prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was slow to moderate with scattered features providing some additional interest at retail outlets. Supplies were adequate to available with the lighter weights in the shortest position. The nest run breaking stock price range was unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to barely adequate with demand generally moderate. Supplies were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules usually full-time. Trade sentiment steady. Spent hen offerings ample with demand light to good.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA
GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to moderate with reports of slight improvement in a few areas in the Midwest. Loose egg movement was mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to mostly fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to barely adequate with demand moderate. Supplies were closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49-56	50-52
LARGE	47-55	49-53
MEDIUM	46-52	49-52

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,
Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices remained unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was generally steady and continued to test at current market values. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the fair demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-69	58-62
LARGE	51-66	56-60
MEDIUM	48-63	53-55

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,
Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR W/E 02-May-03

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	65.50	64.00	59.00
SOUTHEAST	66.50	64.50	57.00
MIDWEST	56.00	56.00	55.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	68.00	66.00	60.25
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.17	62.77	58.06

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY
REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS
FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD
BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	05-06-03	04-29-03	05-07-02
Large	32-36	37-41	20-23
Medium	29-31	34-38	14-18

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 05, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.6	16.8	8.7	10.5	11.7	56.3
	Change	-0.4	-0.8	-0.4	-2.4	1.1	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.2	55.3	16.3	24.7	28.7	146.2
	Change	3.8	3.8	3.5	7.3	3.3	17%
Large	Curr Wk	40.5	114.4	75.3	106.3	96.8	433.3
	Change	6.9	14.8	-2.2	25.9	7.0	14%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.0	35.6	13.7	20.4	24.6	104.3
	Change	2.0	4.0	-0.9	5.3	-2.8	8%
Small	Curr Wk	2.0	5.6	2.8	6.6	6.3	23.3
	Change	0.7	-0.6	-0.4	0.3	-4.6	-16%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	14.8	8.3	8.6	7.4	43.6
	Change	-0.4	-0.9	1.3	-4.1	1.5	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.3	46.3	20.5	20.5	29.4	134.0
	Change	-1.1	-0.5	7.7	0.0	0.9	6%
Total	Curr Wk	104.1	288.8	145.6	197.6	204.9	941.0
Percent	Change	12%	7%	6%	20%	3%	9%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	
Shell Egg		941.0		9%		174	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/		250.5		13%		36	

Total Shell Egg 1191.5 10% 210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific	Summary
Northeast	92.6	269.0	137.0	165.3	198.5
					862.4

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -

W/E 03-May-03

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,165,148	28,556	10,535	5,799	2,012	4,269
PW	1,140,780	26,695	11,101	6,185	1,939	4,208
LY	1,253,233	28,603	12,650	6,943	3,196	4,304
% CHG PW	2	7	-5	-6	4	1
% CHG LY	-7	0	-17	-16	-37	-1

2003	19,996,802	*485,114*	182,702	100,995	40,909	74,430
2002	20,528,091	474,372	203,951	109,591	48,717	74,087
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-10	-8	-16	0

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.19	42.24	41.89
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.53	38.55	38.46

Includes adjustments to previous reports

BROILER HATCHERY

Broiler Eggs Set, **Broiler Chicks Placed,**
19 Selected States **19 Selected States**

Week Ending

STATE	Apr 26 2003	May 03 2003	Apr 26 2003	May 03 2003
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THOUSAND

AL	28,719	28,660	21,554	21,936
AR	30,900	30,946	25,096	25,120
DE	3,634	3,699	5,899	5,681
FL	1,731	1,643	1,634	1,651
GA	31,795	31,864	*25,828	26,407
KY	*6,693	6,707	*6,053	5,138
MD	9,613	9,555	5,600	5,878
MS	18,575	19,109	16,549	16,217
NC	19,275	18,815	14,780	15,050
OK	6,511	6,498	4,424	4,181
PA	*3,639	3,795	*2,602	2,707
SC	4,771	4,858	4,206	3,380
TX	15,012	15,045	12,405	12,583
VA	6,628	6,626	5,986	5,849
CA, MO, LA, TN, & WV	*21,018	20,804	*18,417	19,717
19 State Total	*208,514	208,624	*171,033	171,495
Previous Year Total	210,178	209,812	172,792	172,635
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	99

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 14-Jun-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 157.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 156.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 159.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 160.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.66 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 01 - 07, 2003

CURRENT LDS 138.75 FUTURE LDS 58.50 TOTAL LDS 197.25

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	3.00
GNR W 1	34.25	36.00	36.67	37.83	38.50	35.00	20.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	25.00	27.50	1.00
GL W J	—	—	55.00	56.50	48.46	—	4.50
GL W XL	—	47.94	49.60	49.63	44.19	—	44.25
GL W LG	—	47.25	46.75	47.75	41.69	43.00	29.50
GL W MD	—	47.00	46.40	48.20	34.06	44.00	17.25
GL W SM	30.50	32.00	30.25	32.00	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	32.00	34.00	—	—	.25
NRBS - 48	37.00	—	37.00	38.33	37.54	38.69	53.75
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	27.50	30.00	2.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	17.00	19.00	—	—	5.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 03-May-2003

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	20.1	17.8	13	3
BOSTON	3.2	3.6	-11	-11
CHICAGO	39.7	37.2	7	-6
DETROIT	24.8	23.7	5	-16
KANSAS CITY	3.2	3.2	0	-48
LOS ANGELES	74.6	75.0	-1	-10
NEW ORLEANS	12.8	10.9	17	31
NEW YORK	34.1	29.3	16	2
ST. LOUIS	15.9	15.9	0	-15
SAN FRANCISCO	19.5	20.1	-3	-9
TOTAL	247.9	236.7	5	-7
4 WK MVG AVG	308.9			

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 03-May-2003

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE WT
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW		-THOUSAND HEAD-	
N EAST	874	-2	22.45	(A)	880 22.45
SATL	787	4	29.23	(A)	793 29.23
N CENT	2,462	3	33.01	(A)	2,468 33.01
S CENT	429	1	21.88	(A)	435 21.88
WEST	361	-5	22.19	(A)	367 22.19
U.S. TOTAL	4,913(B)	1	28.80	30	4,943 28.80
TO-DATE					
2003	80,199(B)			283	80,482
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2002	79,803(B)			130	79,933

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 72,000; for the year 1,048,000; last year to date 780,000.

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LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 03-May-2003

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,916	2,925	72	30	4,943
AVG WT	16.06	37.19	24.16	35.70	28.80
LAST WEEK	1,868	2,929	45	2	4,844
SAME WK YR AGO	2,006	2,733	50	6	4,795
AVG WT	16.34	34.97	25.09	28.43	27.06
TO-DATE/2003	31,001	48,150	1,048	283	80,482
TO-DATE/2002	32,057	46,966	780	130	79,933

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 03-May-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	156,760	1,846	1,209	3,055	440
AVG WT	5.09	3.54	7.93	5.28	6.52
LAST WEEK	153,380	1,880	1,242	3,122	428
SAME WK YR AGO	157,800	1,946	1,543	3,489	432
AVG WT	5.05	3.54	7.94	5.49	6.61
TO-DATE/2003	2,697,688	30,616	23,696	54,312	7,521
TO-DATE/2002	2,761,011	33,033	23,676	56,709	7,945

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.7 million head or 0.4 million head more than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-May-03

	Current Week 05/10/03(1)	Previous Week 05/03/03
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	158,275(2)	161,198
LT HENS	1,729	2,011
HVY HENS	1,412	1,251
TOTAL	161,416	164,460

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-May-03 is 159.2 million head compared to 159.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.6 million head or 0.6 million less than estimated available. For week of 17-May-03 the estimated available is 158.7 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MARCH 29	154.7	155.7	99%	5.07
APRIL 5	158.2	155.4	102%	5.06
12	154.0	154.3	100%	5.17
19	146.2	154.5	95%	5.31
26	155.2	156.2	99%	5.16
MAY 3	158.7	158.3	100%	5.09
YEAR TO DATE	2730.5	2767.5	99%	
MAY 10		159.2		
17		158.7		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 05/05/03-05/09/03 (cents per lb.)

		U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
		MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	47.00-50.00		50.36	40	53.10	76
Los Angeles		69.00	67.01	60	63.13	155
New York	50.00-53.00		52.39	23	55.40	52

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
5-May-03	28-Apr-03	28-Apr-03	6-May-02
57.89	-0.21	58.10	55.83
NUMBER OF LOADS	586		

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	56-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of

1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 05/05/03	2,635	190,183	63,630
AM 04/01/03	2,722	189,905	61,778
CHG	-87	278	1852
PCT CHG	-3%	0%	3%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of March 31, 2003 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on May 1, 2003 are:

FROZEN EGGS	17 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	533 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	664 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 05-May-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.11
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.5-11 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.56

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 02-May-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

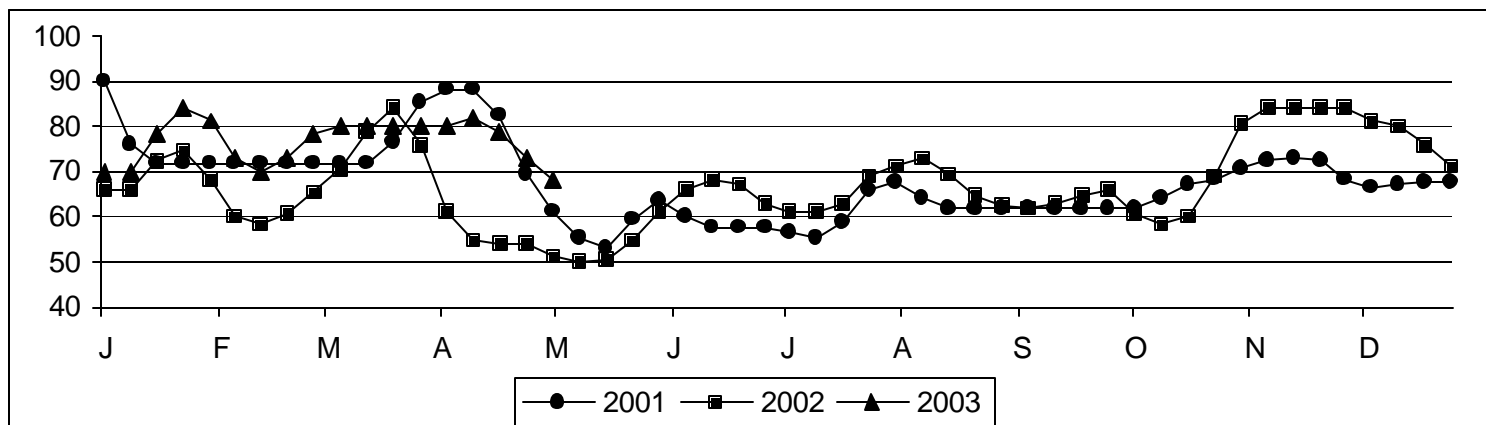
	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-8	5-7
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-6.5	4-6.5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 03-May-03
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	214.2	-3	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	491.1	-3	13
W.N. CENTRAL	262.7	0	9
S. ATLANTIC	173.1	-1	25
S. CENTRAL	86.7	-6	7
WEST	185.0	-1	2
TOTAL	1412.8	-2	9
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

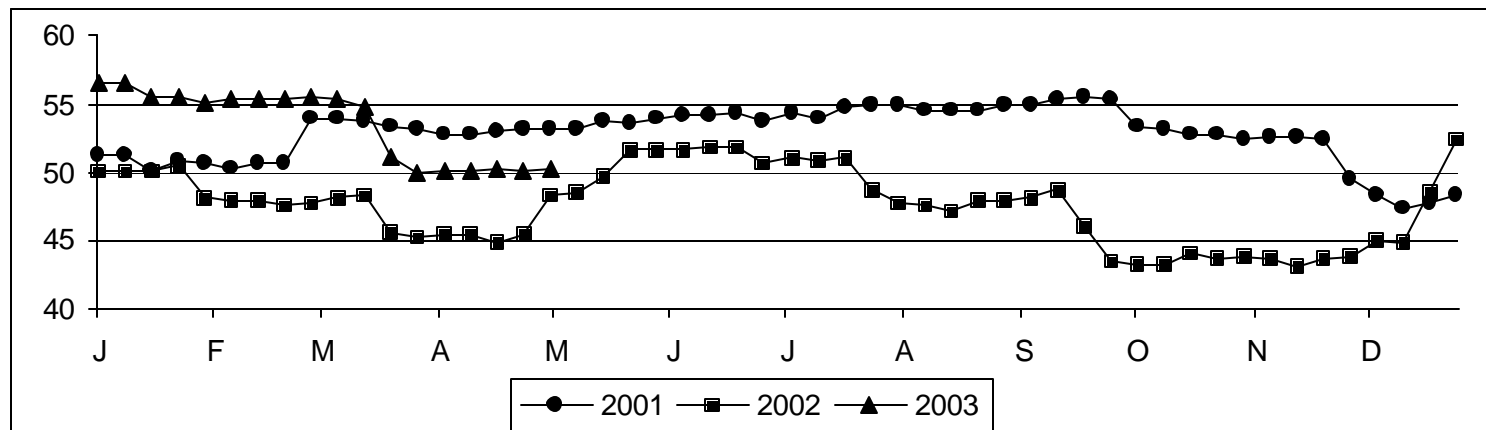
New York Large Weekly Average Price

Cents per Dozen



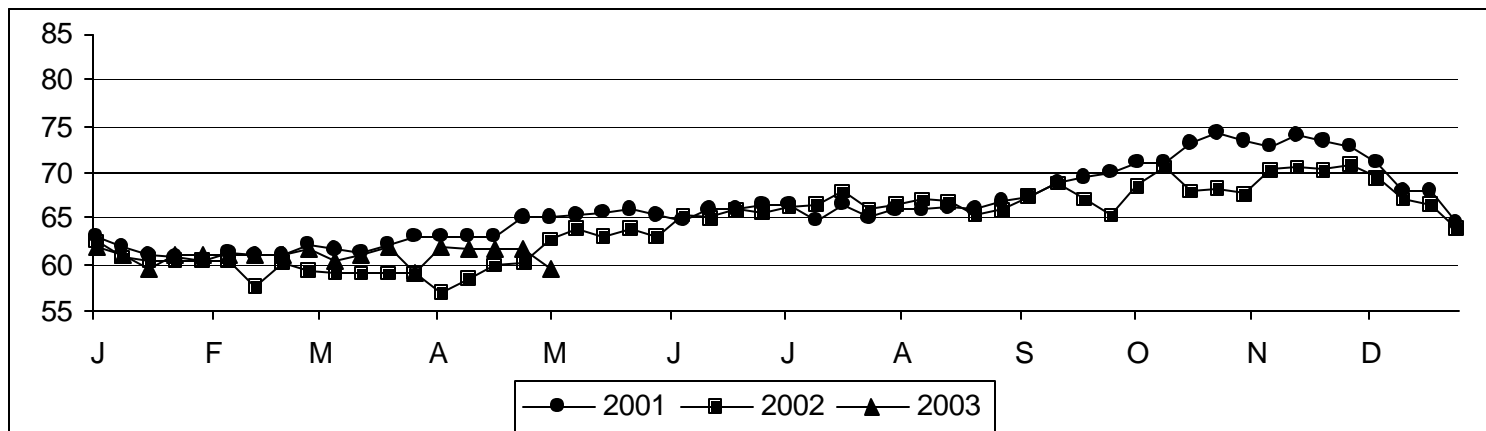
Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices

Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys

Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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